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1. ON AUGUST 31, EMBASSY RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL NOTE FROM THE
VETERINARY DIRECTORATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WHICH OFFERED
AN EXPLANATION FOR THE NUMEROUS RUMORS THAT HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING
THROUGHOUT EASTERN ROMANIA CONCERNED WITH SWINE DISEASE. MOST OF
THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE NOTE WAS PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED VIA
REFTEL B.

2. EXCERPT CONTAINING SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF THE NOTE FOLLOWS:
"QUOTE:...THERE WERE NO CASES OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN
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ROMANIA SINCE 1973 AND NO CASES OF CLASSICAL SWINE FEVER SINCE 1974.
- THERE WERE NEVER CASES OF SWINE VESICULAR DISEASE ON
THE TERRITORY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA NOR SWINE
FEVER.

WE WISH TO STRESS THAT AFTER BEING OFFICIALLY INFORMED BY
THE USSR IN JULY, 1977, THAT THERE ARE CASES OF CLASSICAL

SWINE FEVER AND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN (THE) USSR, WE TOOK SEVERE STEPS TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION OF SUCH DISEASES INTO THE EASTERN PART OF ROMANIA, RESPECTIVELY NEAR THE SOVIET BORDER, STEPS

SIMILAR TO THOSE TAKEN BY THE US AND OTHER COUNTRIES WE WISH TO POINT OUT THAT NO INQUIRY HAS BEEN RECEIVED SO FAR FROM ANY US OFFICIAL IN THIS RESPECT.

ON AUGUST 15, 1977 MR. FRECKMANN, AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY BUCHAREST (RESIDENT IN BELGRADE) AND MR. BURAKOW, SECOND SECRETARY OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY BUCHAREST HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY INFORMED BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD INDUSTRY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA ABOUT THE SWINE DESICULAR DISEASE SITUATION IN ROMANIA, ACCORDING TO LROSE MENTIONED ABOVE. TO MAKE SURE OF THIS, MR. FRECKMANN AND HIS COLLEAGUES VISITED ON AUGUST 16, 1977, A LARGE PIG BREEDING AND FATTENING FARM. INDICATED BY MR. FRECKMANN, LOCATED NEAR THE USSR BORDER.

THE CASE USDA/APHIS WISHES TO ASCERTAIN THE SWINE HEALTH CONDITIONS IN (THE) SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIN WE AGREE THAT A TEAM OF US VETERINARIANS VISIT ANY FARMS IN ROMANIA. END QUOTE.

3. COPIES OF OFFICIAL NOTE WITH TRANSLATION ARE BEING POUCHED TO USDA/APHIS AND AMEMBASSY BELGRADE FOR AGATT.

4. COMMENT: THE SITUATION REMAINS ESSENTIALLY AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. THE POST IS NOT AWARE OF ANY CONFIRMED CASES OF DISEASE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN ANY ROMANIAN PORK-PRODUCING UNITS AND PORK SUPPLIES IN THE BUCHAREST AREA ARE AT A NORMAL SEASONAL LEVEL. TWO DISCREPANCIES ARISING FROM THE NOTE, HOWEVER, COULD BE WORTH NOTING:

A. ON AUGUST 15, DR. MOVANU, DIRECTOR OF VET. SERVICES, MINAG, TOLD AGATT AND EMBOFF THAT ROMANIA HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY REPORTS OF ANIMAL DISEASE FROM THE SOVIETS MORE CURRENT THAN APRIL/MAY (SEE REFTEL B), APPARENTLY DIRECTLY CONTRADICTING A PORTION OF THE NOTE WHICH STATES REPORTS WERE RECEIVED IN JULY;

B. ALSO IN CONTRADICTION TO THE NOTE, AGATT FRECKMANN DID NOT SELECT THE PIG FARM THAT WAS VISITED NEAR THE SOVIET BORDER. THIS FARM WAS SUGGESTED BY MINAG.

5. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, IT IS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT MINAG HAS PRESENTED THE EMBASSY WITH AN OFFICIAL WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF A SENSITIVE SITUATION WITHOUT EMBASSY SOLICITATION. THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN VERY OFTEN IN DEALINGS WITH THE GOR BUREACUCRACY. END COMMENT.

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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED MOSCOW

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